

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The strap fastener set according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5 wherein the first ring is integrally formed on an internal side of the cylinder.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The strap fastener set according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5 wherein the second ring is integrally formed on the rod.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The strap fastener set according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 8 including a joint for connecting the rod with the strap fastener.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A strap fastener set according including a strap fastener for winding a first strap and a gauge provided between the strap fastener and a second strap, wherein the gauge includes:

a cylinder tied with the second strap, the cylinder including a window defined therein and a scale provided thereon along the window;

a first ring secured to ~~claim 4~~ the cylinder;

a spring in the cylinder;

a rod extending past the first ring through the spring for connection with the strap fastener;

a second ring secured to the rod so that it is moved relative to the cylinder so as to compress the spring against the first ring as a tensile force is exerted on the straps, the second ring including an indicator formed thereon for cooperation with the scale in order to provide a reading of the tensile force; and

a joint for connecting the rod with the strap fastener, wherein the joint includes a middle section pivotally connected with the rod and two terminal sections pivotally connected with the strap fastener.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The strap fastener set according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5 including a third ring secured to the cylinder for connection with the second strap.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A strap fastener set according including a strap fastener for winding a first strap and a gauge provided between the strap fastener and a second strap, wherein the gauge includes:

a cylinder tied with the second strap, the cylinder including a window defined therein and a scale provided thereon along the window;

a first ring secured to ~~claim 6~~ the cylinder;

a spring in the cylinder;

a rod extending past the first ring through the spring for connection with the strap fastener;

a second ring secured to the rod so that it is moved relative to the cylinder so as to compress the spring against the first ring as a tensile force is exerted on the straps, the second ring including an indicator formed thereon for cooperation with the scale in order to provide a reading of the tensile force; and

a third ring secured to the cylinder for connection with the second strap, wherein the third ring is integrally formed on an internal side of the cylinder.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A strap fastener set according including a strap fastener for winding a first strap and a gauge provided between the strap fastener and a second strap, wherein the gauge includes:

a cylinder tied with the second strap, the cylinder including a window defined therein and a scale provided thereon along the window;

a first ring secured to ~~claim 6~~ including the cylinder;

a spring in the cylinder;

a rod extending past the first ring through the spring for connection with the strap fastener;

a second ring secured to the rod so that it is moved relative to the cylinder so as to compress the spring against the first ring as a tensile force is exerted on the straps, the second ring including an indicator formed thereon for cooperation with the scale in order to provide a reading of the tensile force;

a third ring secured to the cylinder for connection with the second strap; and

a bolt secured to the third ring for connection with the second strap.

Claim 9 (original): The strap fastener set according to claim 8 wherein the bolt is integrally formed on to the third ring.

Claim 10 (original): The strap fastener set according to claim 8 including a joint for connecting the second strap with the bolt.

Claim 11 (original): The strap fastener set according to claim 8 wherein the joint includes a middle section pivotally connected with the bolt and two terminal sections for

supporting a pin to which the second strap is tied.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The strap fastener set according to claim [[1]] 5 wherein the straps are integrated with each other.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The strap fastener set according to claim [[1]] 5 wherein the strap fastener includes base, a reel pivotally put on the base, a lever pivotally installed on the reel, two ratchet wheels secured to the reel, a first detent movably installed on the base for engagement with the ratchet wheels and a second detent movably installed on the lever for engagement with the ratchet wheels, and the lever can be pivoted relative to the base so as to provide a one-way rotation of the reel via cooperation of the detents with the ratchet wheels.

Claim 14 (original): A strap fastener set including a strap fastener for winding a first strap and a gauge tied with a second strap, wherein the gauge includes:

- a cylinder tied with the second strap, the cylinder including a window defined therein and a scale provided thereon along the window;

- a cap including a cylindrical portion secured to the cylinder and an annular portion formed on the cylindrical portion;

- a spring put in the cylinder;

- a rod extending past the annular portion of the cap via the spring for connection with the strap fastener; and

- a ring secured to the rod so that it is moved relative to the cylinder so as to compress the spring against the annular portion of the cap as a tensile force is exerted on the straps, the ring including an indicator formed thereon for cooperation with the scale in order to provide a reading of the tensile force.

Claim 15 (original): The strap fastener set according to claim 14 wherein the cylindrical portion of the cap is integrally formed on an internal side of the cylinder.